

# CARTSNEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to all CARTS members.

It was good seeing some of you at the last CARTS meeting in April. If you weren't there, you missed the opportunity to peruse hundreds of tokens from the Carolinas. But the good news is that we will be having another meeting soon. Bob King is working on the particulars for our November meeting in Hendersonville. Please see elsewhere in this newsletter for more on the next meeting.

I look forward to seeing all of you there. Please mark the date in your calendars – November 12, 2016.

Regards, Tony Chibbaro, President of CARTS

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**Articles, New Finds, Announcements, and Classifieds to Don Bailey only! Dues to Bob King only!**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Our "May" meeting, held on April 30, was perhaps our most successful to date. There were nine members in attendance and one visitor. Many tokens changed hands, many stories were told, and Tony presented a great program on Olympic medals.

Treasurer Bob King reports \$585.31 in the bank and 28 paid members. Surely we can bump that up to 30?

Our November 12 Meeting in Hendersonville will be held at the Ramada Inn, 150 Sugar Loaf Road.

**From the Asheville Area:** Take Interstate 26 toward Hendersonville. At exit 49 take highway 64 toward Bat Cave. At the first traffic light after crossing over I 26 turn right on Sugar Loaf Road and go to 150 Sugar Loaf Rd. (Ramada Inn) on the left about 1/4 mile from the traffic light.

**From the South/ South Carolina:** Arrive on I 26 at exit 49 and take the Bat Cave exit. At the top of the exit ramp you will come to the first traffic light, turn right on Sugar Loaf Road and go to 150 Sugar Loaf (Ramada Inn).

**From all other locations:** Come to Hendersonville, take Highway 64 to the Bat Cave side of I 26. At the first traffic light turn right on Sugar Loaf Road and proceed approximately 1/4 mile to 150 Sugar Loaf (Ramada Inn)

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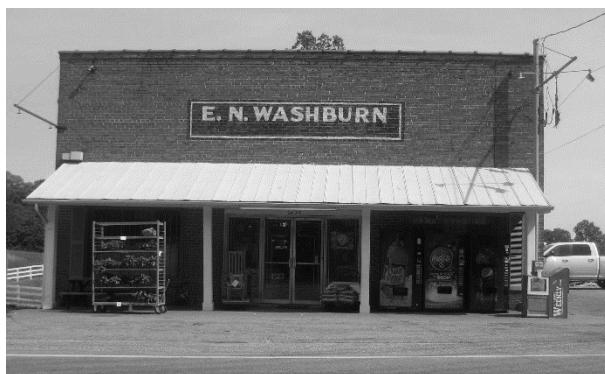
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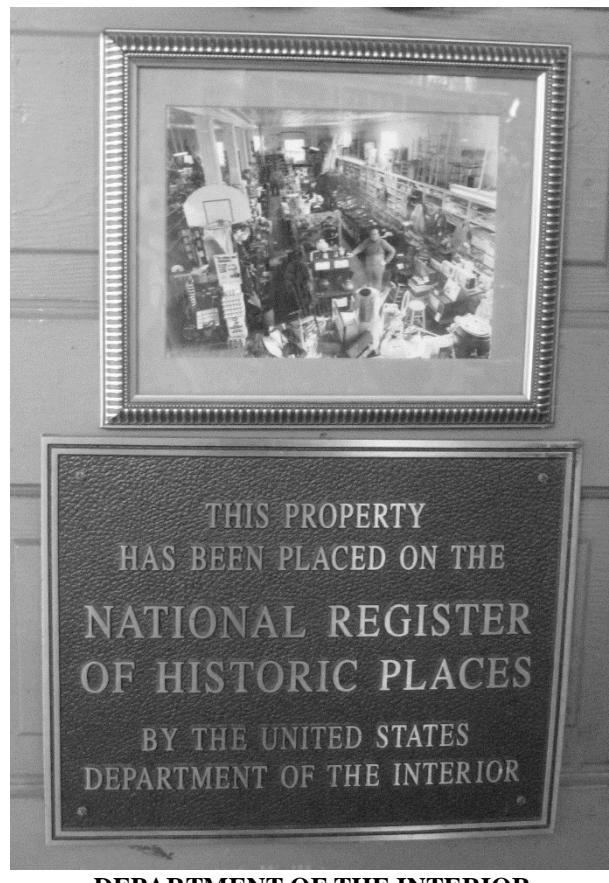
## **NEW FIND: A WASHBURN STORE TOKEN**

### **Lamar Bland**

If you want to visit Washburn's, drive to the Forest City area of Rutherford County, N.C., find the Bostic-Sunshine highway, and in a few miles you'll see the store at an intersection with three other country roads. It will look like this.

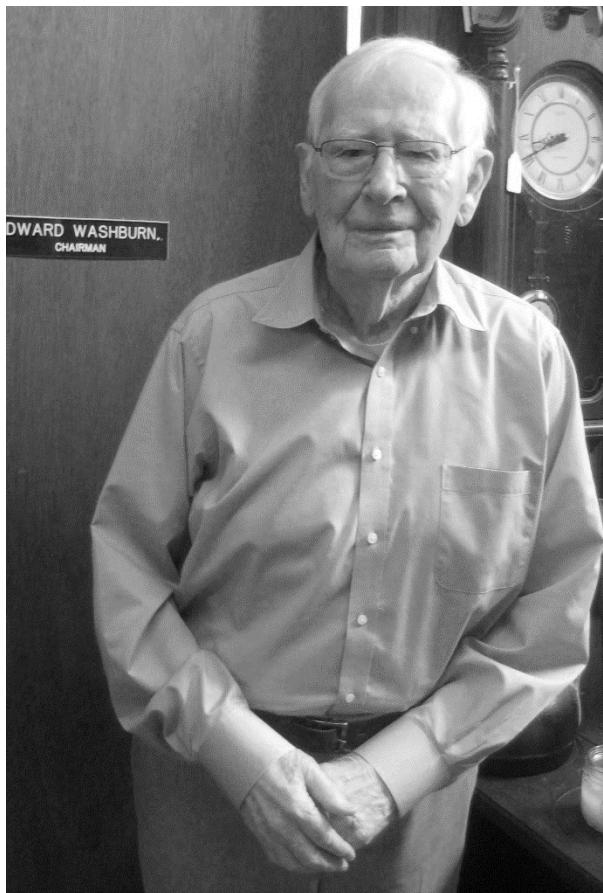


From the outside it looks like other country stores you've seen. It might seem that way also at your first glance inside. But soon you'll know that this one stands alone.



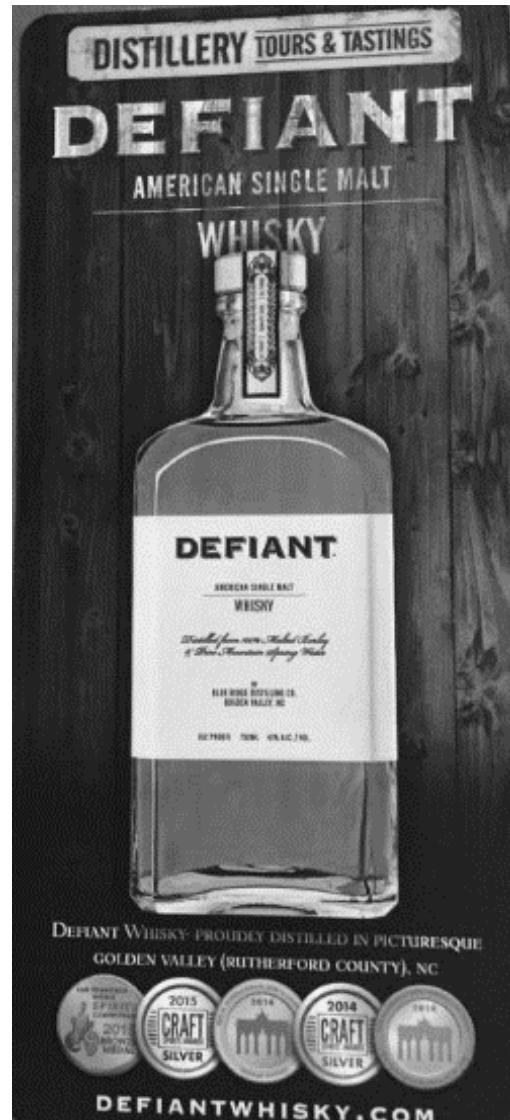
The "property" mentioned on the Department of the Interior plaque (see below) includes nearby family holdings as well: a barn, the family home, and ten other buildings. Just above the plaque there's a wooden signboard which reads "WASHBURN GENERAL MERCHANDISE/ EST. 1831 CIRCA." The board gives the birth dates of 5 store owners: Benjamin (1806), Reuben (1829), Nollie (1874), E.N. (1902), and Edward (1930). Benjamin began the business as a stagecoach tavern stop. Family papers include an 1836 "SELL SPIRITS" license.

Edward (Edward Nollie Washburn, III), age 86, introduced me to the store this past spring. Here's Edwsard.



His photo suggests that he likes to tell stories about the store. He's proud that the store has always preferred selling local goods. Staples for the country folks certainly, like: seeds for planting (creasy-greens seeds for example), lard cans, carpenter bee traps, apple-peelers and cherry-pitters, horehound rock candy. But also heartier products like: braided rugs, wood cookstoves, washboards, cider mills, and water hand-pumps. The store has been publicized in *OUR STATE* magazine, and in video (in *LIFE IN THE CAROLINAS*, and in a Billy Barnes video—both on YouTube). Extensive inventory indicates the store's museum quality. The store houses family antiques like Edward's grandfather's 3,800 pound safe from First State Bank of Bostic. Washburn's is open for the community to drink their morning coffee there.

The men who come say they have to meet the attendance requirements of "being old, being good liars, and having money." Edward also managed a funeral business, which introduced him to area needs for coffins, and to products which sometimes caused the need for coffins (like the product pictured below, advertised in the store, and sold in nearby Golden Valley).



Edward just as eagerly tells stories about the Washburn family. He introduced me to his wife Catherine, to one of his daughters (Ann), and to his grandchildren who know where to find the merchandise they will ring up for you at the cash register. Count up the generations with experience at Washburn store, assuming that

Edward and Catherine (pictured in the store photo below) are generation five. Did you get seven?



As I was learning the family's history with the store, the Washburn token surfaced. It was found by Catherine in one of their buildings. It was likely issued in difficult economic times, probably when Edward's father managed the store (E.N., born in 1902).



**E. N. Washburn / (orn) / Store No. 2 (bowtie) Bostic, N. C. // Good For / 10¢ / In Merchandise – R, Al, 25mm.**

The OUR STATE article of January, 2003 indicates that the current Washburn store was built in 1924. It was said to be store # 4. Edward said that an earlier store stood across the street at this current intersection, raising the possibility that the token for "STORE NO. 2" may have been used in Nollie's generation. He was born in 1874. Edward said he didn't remember seeing tokens when he started working in his father's store in 1945.

Whenever the token was issued, by Nollie or by E.N., its position is squarely in the middle of this extraordinary, ongoing family business.

Edward's daughter Ann opens the doors regularly now, Monday through Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday excluded. I know of no other North Carolina store nearer to establishing a bicentennial family legacy.

Author's Note: When I met Ann on my second visit to Washburn's, she reminded me that I had taught her in an American Literature class at Elon College in the mid-1970's.

## NEW FIND SPOTLIGHT: SOUTH CAROLINA AS "THE IODINE STATE"

**Tony Chibbaro**

I have known for many years that South Carolina was once known as *The Iodine State*. Exactly when I became aware of this I am not sure, but I think it was probably at one of the Columbia bottle shows when I saw an old automobile license plate from the 1930s with the phrase on it. But I did not really know the reason it was called such until I was made aware of the token illustrated below.



**Iodine Vegetable Cannery, 5, Bennettsville, S.C. – aluminum, 22mm.**

The Iodine Vegetable Cannery began operations in the summer of 1930. Robert L. Kirkwood founded the company in a small building on his farm near Bennettsville. In the beginning Kirkwood canned only vegetables grown on his 50 acre farm. But as his facility expanded, he began to can produce grown by other local farmers. By 1931, the capacity of

his plant had been increased to over 20,000 cans per day. The cannery's products included carrots, beets, lima beans, tomatoes, cut string beans, sweet potatoes, and peaches. Kirkwood operated the cannery until 1940 or so. But during World War II, he leased the cannery to the federal government who used it to can food for US troops abroad. In March of 1944, however, the cannery burned down and was not rebuilt.

The cannery's owner, Robert Lee Kirkwood (1863-1948), was born in Marlboro County during the Civil War. In the late 1880s he entered the dry goods business as a merchandise broker. He later opened a general store and operated it on and off for some 50 years. He also sold fertilizer and farm equipment. After closing the cannery around 1940, he operated his store for two more years before retiring in 1942. He died 6 years later and was buried in Bennettsville's Oak Ridge Cemetery.



**Automobile License Plate issued by South Carolina in 1931**

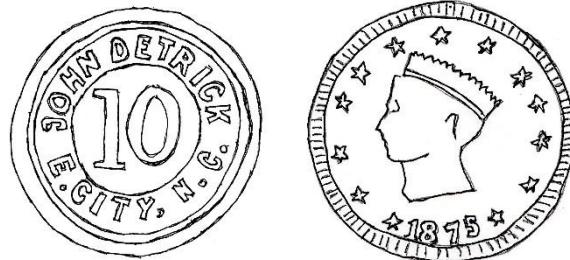
The mention of "iodine" in the cannery's name was a marketing ploy to point out to potential buyers the fact that the vegetables inside the can were grown in iodine-rich soil. In the early 1900s, it was determined that a significant portion of the people in the United States were iodine-deficient because of consumption of vegetables grown in iodine-poor soil. South Carolina was located in what was termed the "Iodine Vegetable Belt" because the state's soil was found to contain significant levels of iodine. Kirkwood sought to take advantage of this fact by labeling his products in such

manner. But the marketing strategy eventually came to naught as iodine-enriched table salt gained acceptance, thereby making iodine-rich vegetables superfluous.

## AN EARLY ELIZABETH CITY TOKEN

**Don Bailey**

It seems few tokens carry dates. I know I have very few in my collection. In the May issue I wrote about Greensboro tokens dated 1891 and 1883. But I have one dated earlier—1875. Unfortunately, the token is so badly worn that I could not get a photo clear enough to print. In fact, the reverse (is it the reverse?) drawing below has been produced partially by guess and by gosh. Only a few of the stars can actually be seen and only the front (left edge) of the profile can be clearly seen. The figure is, I believe, that of an Indian girl with a headdress of some sort. The obverse however is very clear and exactly as shown.



**John Detrick / 10 / E. City, N. C. // (stars) / (Profile of Indian Maiden) / (stars) 1875 (stars) – R, Br, 20mm.**

The first mention we can find of John Detrick is in *The North Carolinian* (of Elizabeth City) dated November 4, 1874. There Detrick is listed, with many others, under "hotel arrivals" at the Albemarle House. The same paper reports on April 21, 1875 that the Albemarle Saloon, in the Albemarle House, is "now under the control of John Detrick, of Norfolk," who proposes to keep a First Class LAGER BEER SALOON. This must be the business for which

our token was made. (Don't we wish it had said "Albemarle Saloon?")

Now things did not go all that well for Detrick. By April 26, 1876 he, "has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by District Court of the United States for the Albemarle District of North Carolina." And W. R. Gordon is Assignee. He continues to try to make a go of it, for in April of 1877 he is still at the Albemarle Saloon where he "always has on hand pure Liquors, Cigars, Chewing and Smoking Tobacco." But apparently to no avail.

John Detrick next appears in New Bern. In January of 1879 *The Newbernian* reports that John Detrick, formerly of Elizabeth City, NC has opened the Gaston House Saloon, "a first-class Wine and Lager Beer Saloon in the Gaston House, in this city," where he will "keep constantly on hand the best quality of wines, liquors, cigars, etc." There is a free lunch every day at 11:00 AM, and attached is a "fine billiard saloon fitted up with the most improved tables."

But, as they say in the TV commercials, wait, there's more. Detrick immediately began a (simultaneous?) new venture. *The Newbernian* of February 8, 1879 calls attention to Mr. John Detrick, "who has just fitted up a new Billiard Hall in the Duffy Building, corner of Pollock and Middle Streets, to be opened to the public next Monday night." This Billiard Hall apparently also contained a bar and restaurant and was called Detrick's Atlantic Garden. And it lasted—intact—for only about two years. A brief ad appears on September 23, 1881 offering "restaurant and fixtures for rent" by John Detrick.

Detrick was successful in renting the restaurant, for the *Daily Commercial News* of December 10, 1881 proclaims "Lane's Oyster Saloon (Formerly Detrick's) Duffy Building, ...., UPSTAIRS, F. B. Lane, Proprietor." But John Detrick didn't seem to be especially successful overall. In September of 1884 Bradstreet reported 206 failures in a week. Among them

was John Detrick of New Bern, North Carolina. The Assignee was Mr. Geo. T. Pepperdick. *The Daily Journal* opined "dull times is driving many to the wall."

But Detrick hangs on. Despite his second bankruptcy and a May 1885 charge of selling liquor on Sunday, he can still be found in 1887 operating a saloon "opposite the Custom House on Middle Street." And here we lose track of Mr. Detrick. Or do we? The *Virginia Pilot* (of Norfolk, VA) reports in 1899 that a "Mr. John Detrick is very sick at his home on Shenandoah Street." Is this our man back in Norfolk? After all, I've always been told old dogs go home to die.

## NEW FINDS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

Tony Chibbaro



**Guy & Kinloch, One Load, (Charleston, S.C.) – brass, 23mm, all incuse.**

James W. Guy (1838-1880) and John M. Kinloch (1834-1898) formed the partnership known as Guy & Kinloch in 1869. In city directories they advertised themselves as forwarding and shipping merchants, but in actuality the two were, in common terms, draymen. Their business involved delivery of goods to and from the shipping wharves at the port of Charleston. The partnership lasted for only 4 years and was dissolved in February of 1873. Guy later became a clerk for one of Charleston's many commission merchants and Kinloch continued as a draymaster until he was elected Clerk of Court for Charleston County in 1897. Kinloch, who had served as a Lieutenant Colonel during the Civil War, died in office the

following year and was buried in the Confederate Section of Magnolia Cemetery in Charleston.



**Kenny Rhea, Line & Meeting Sts., Good For 1 Beer In Trade, (Charleston, S.C.)** – brass, 26mm.

In 1932, nineteen year old John Kenneth "Kenny" Rhea (1913-1958) clerked in the grocery store of William J. Logothetis, which was located about 6 blocks from his house. In the mid-to-late 1930s he worked as an attendant at couple of service stations, one on Meeting Street and the other on Ashley Avenue. When World War II broke out, he found employment at the Navy Yard as an electrician. But in 1944 he went into business for himself by opening a beer parlor called Blimp's at 370½ King Street, above the Britton-Edmonson Flower Shop. He ran it until 1949 when he moved his young family to 492 Meeting Street and opened another beer parlor in the building located at the northeastern corner of Meeting and Line Streets. It was a typical neighborhood pub, albeit with a German-American flavor, complete with sandwiches, seafood, German-style beer, a jukebox, and a couple of shuffleboards and pinball machines. The Budweiser Clydesdales were even known to have been brought by the pub when they were in the area. Rhea utilized the tokens as a means of generating business by giving one away whenever he cashed a paycheck for a regular customer. He ran the beer parlor for almost 10 years, right up until the time of his death in 1958. Rhea was buried in the nearby Bethany Cemetery. His wife Anna then took over the business and operated it until 1963 when the property was sold to a local gas & oil company. The building was then torn down and was

replaced with a gas station. A parking lot occupies the corner now.



**The Donald Drug Co., Good For 5, Honea Path, S.C.**  
– brass, 25mm.

The Donald (sic) Drug Company was founded in 1912 by brothers Edgar R. Donnald (1885-1946) and Samuel "Floyd" Donnald (1888-1939). Both had recently received their advanced degrees, Edgar in medicine and Floyd in pharmacy, and decided to partner in a drug store in downtown Honea Path. Floyd ran the store while Edgar practiced medicine and referred patients to their pharmacy. In 1917 their younger brother, John R. Donnald (1895-1963), joined them in the business and later gained a pharmacy degree of his own.

Floyd and John ran the store together through the 1920s and 1930s. Older brother Edgar, who had withdrawn from active participation in the drug store, continued the practice of medicine and also became the president of The Commerical Bank of Honea Path. In 1939 Floyd Donnald died suddenly, leaving the business in the hands of his younger brother John. John Donnald continued running the store through the late 1950s and passed away in 1963.



**Fair's Pharmacy, Good For 5¢ Drink, St. Matthews, S.C.** – brass, 23mm.

Henry N. Fair (1850-1911) opened a drug store on West Bridge Street in Saint Matthews in 1875. Over the next 35 years he became one of the town's most respected citizens, serving many years as postmaster and on the board of trustees of the local high school. In 1908 he and his two sons incorporated the

business as Fair's Pharmacy, with H.N. Fair as president and his oldest son, Julian H. Fair (1880-1957) as secretary. Also working at the drug store was Fair's younger son, William W. Fair (1885-1965). When H.N. Fair died in 1911, his two sons took over the business and

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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**WILL PAY \$100 EACH FOR THE FOLLOWING INGLE SYSTEM TOKENS IN NICE CONDITION:** G.P. Fowler, J.W. Durham, N.S. Kirby, J.C. Ott, E.L. & G.B. Hamilton, McKinzie Co., C.S. Harvey, B.O. Turner, Bailey & Williams, A.S. Chaney, M.R. Hartley & Co., J.M. Baker, C.L. Schofield, R.C. Stallings, or N.P. Dunbar. Tony Chibbaro, PO Box 420, Prosperity, SC 29127, email: [chibbaro@mindspring.com](mailto:chibbaro@mindspring.com), cellphone: 803-530-3668

### SALE

**SCHOOL LUNCH TOKEN, FAIRMONT, NC**, \$2.00 postpaid. Don Bailey, PO Box 1272 Etowah, NC 28739; 828-891-3501; [ELADON@MORRISBB.NET](mailto:ELADON@MORRISBB.NET).

**CARTS Membership and Dues:** Application for membership in CARTS is invited from anyone interested in the exonumia of the two Carolinas. Annual dues are \$10.00 and should be mailed to the treasurer, Bob King. Checks should be made payable to CARTS.

**CARTSNEWS:** CARTSNEWS, the newsletter of CARTS, is published four times per year in February, May, August, and November.

**Advertising:** Each member is encouraged to submit one classified ad per issue. These ads are free to members. Free ads should be no more than 50 words in length. No ads will be run continuously; a new ad must be submitted for each issue. The editor reserves the right to edit ads for length and any ad thought not to be in the best interest of the hobby will be rejected. Deadline for classified ads is the same as for paid ads (see below).

Paid advertising is also solicited. The rate per issue for paid ads is as follows. One quarter page \$3.00, one half page \$6.00, and full page \$11.00. Any paid advertising, along with payment, should be sent to the editor by the fifteenth of that month before the month of issue. So, for example, advertising copy for the May issue should be received by the editor by April 15. Camera ready copy will be accepted, but the editor will also compose ads from your rough copy if you desire. As with free advertising the editor may reject any ad thought not in the best interest of CARTS or the hobby at large.